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Academic Position

Lecturer, Department of Political Science, **University of California, Los Angeles**, 2011–2012

Education

University of California, Los Angeles
Ph.D. Political Science, 2011; C.Phil. Political Science, 2008
Fields: International Relations, Quantitative Methods and Formal Theory
Subfields: Comparative Politics, American Politics

Korea University, Seoul, Korea
M.A. Political Science and International Relations, 2004

Korea University, Seoul, Korea
B.A. Russian Language and Literature, minor in Political Science and International Relations, 2002

Research

Dissertation: Selective Humanitarian Intervention after the End of the Cold War
Committee: Robert Trager (Chair), Deborah Larson, Barry O'Neill, Kal Raustiala

When do states intervene in humanitarian crises? Put differently, when do humanitarian norms strengthen humanitarian accountability of states? Although the act of humanitarian intervention is indicative of normative changes in the way states respond to humanitarian crises overseas, humanitarian interventions have been implemented selectively to date, and it remains uncharted what this selectivity implies about the causal impact of norms. To address this question, I draw on insights from social constructivism to argue that when norm entrepreneurs competitively diffuse humanitarian norms among domestic constituencies to internalize 'proper' responses toward humanitarian crises, such conflicting normative pressures impose political constraints on decision-makers, who adjust their positions along the distribution of norms to minimize the political cost of repudiating the domestic constituency's normative preferences. This interaction leads to differential equilibrium choices for decision-makers to articulate optimal policies vis-à-vis the perpetrator in crisis. A dataset from survey experiment, simulated stochastic crisis bargaining model, and a new dataset of conflicting norms allowing me to measure normative pressures during crises, subject my argument to a series of quantitative empirical tests. Among the many findings, I discover that as humanitarian norms resonate more than other norms, decision-makers are more likely to adopt and substitute more coercive foreign policies during crises. Moreover, resonant norms further deliver signals of resolve to the perpetrator in crises and increase the probability that crises are suspended.

Publications and Submitted Manuscript

"Selective Humanitarian Intervention after the End of the Cold War: Evidence from 1991–2005 Data." Under review

"Conceptualizing Human Security in East Asia: A Case Study of China's Ethnic Minorities." Co-authored with Young-Soo Kim. *East Asia Studies* Vol. 6 (May, 2003)

"Constructivist Approach to Engagement Policy: with Special Reference to the North Korean Identity." *Howonnongip* (*Graduate School Research Papers)* Vol. 11 (December, 2003)

Work in Progress and Data Collection Projects

"Implementing Responsibility to Protect (R2P) in East Asia: Building Emergency Capabilities for North Korea's Contingency." Working paper

"How Humanitarian Aid Promotes Interstate Hostility." Working paper

"Economically Bounded Human Rights Compliance: How Asian Countries Ratify International Human Rights Treaty." Working paper

"Estimating the U.S. Alliance Commitment and Its Deterrent Effect on Regional Stability in East Asia." Working paper

• Mapping Humanitarian Norms

This project sophisticates the survey experiment conducted for my dissertation research. By incorporating more stages of the crisis bargaining game and increasing the sample size, it attempts to explore the more specific role of norms during strategic interactions. Grant Proposal to TESS (Time-sharing Experiment for Social Science) has been submitted.

• North Korea Index

This project sets out to estimate the threat perception of North Korea, which has long been the center of gravity in East Asian security for its volatile behavior, and investigate the condition under which threat perception is seen to affect trajectories of crisis bargaining among the two Koreas and the U.S.

Awards, Fellowships and Research Grants

University Fellowship, Graduate Studies, UCLA, 2010

Summer Program Fellowship, Department of Political Science, UCLA, 2008

Hayek Fund for Scholars, Institute for Humane Studies, George Mason University, 2007

Conference Travel Grant Award, Department of Political Science, UCLA, 2005–2010

Fellowship from Korea National Defense University, Seoul, Korea, 2004

Fellowship from BK21 Research & Education Corps for East Asian Studies, Department of Political Science, Korea University, Seoul, Korea, 2002, 2004

General Fellowship from Korea University, Seoul, Korea, 2003

Work-Study University Scholarship, Korea University, Seoul, Korea, 1998–1999

Selected Conference Presentations

"Selective Humanitarian Intervention after the End of the Cold War"

• 2011 Annual Meeting of Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL

"Selective Humanitarian Intervention: Stochastic Crisis Bargaining Model of Competing Norms"

• 2010 Annual Meeting of American Political Science Association, Washington D.C.
"Dictatorial Peacekeeping Operation: Analyzing Motivation of Authoritarian Regime's Participation in UN Missions"

• 2009 Annual Meeting of International Studies Association, New York, NY
"Does Alliance Deliver What It Promises? Assessing Alliance Reliability with Veto Player"

• 2009 Annual Meeting of International Studies Association, New York, NY
"Between Morality and National Interests: How Long Does It Take to Ratify International Human Rights Treaties?"

• 2008 Annual Meeting of International Studies Association-West, San Francisco, CA.
"Explaining International Human Rights Compliance: Democracy, Press Freedom and Audience Cost"

• 2007 Annual Meeting of American Political Science Association, Chicago IL.
"Analysis on South Korea's Engagement Policy: With Special Reference to the Identity of North Korea"

• 2005 Annual Meeting of Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago IL.

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant

World Politics (PS 20), Professor David Wilkinson, Winter 2006; Instructor Russell Burgos, Winter, Spring 2008; Professor Richard Anderson, Spring 2009
International Political Economy (PS 124), Professor Ronald Rogowski, Winter 2009
The Presidency (PS 140B), Professor Scott C. James, Fall 2008
Politics and Strategy (PS 30), Professor Michael Chwe, Fall 2006, 2007
Introduction to American Politics (PS 40), Professor Lynn Vavreck, Winter 2007

Course Reader

International Relations of East Asia (PS139), Instructor Hiroyuki Yamamoto, Spring 2011
World Politics (PS 20), Professor Richard Anderson, Summer 2010
Foreign Relations of U.S. (PS 120A), Instructor Robert Hager, Spring 2010
World Politics (PS 20), Instructor Russell Burgos, Summer 2006
Political Violence (PS 118), Instructor Jeffrey Simon, Summer 2006, 2007
International Politics from 1914-Present (PS138B), Instructor Jennifer De Maio, Spring 2006
Politics of Latin American Economic Development (PS 130), Instructor Monica Arruda de Almeida, Spring 2005
Politics of East Asian Economic Development (PS 130), Instructor Sharon Baradaran, Winter 2005
International Political Economy (PS 124), Instructor Monica Arruda de Almeida and Professor Nathan Jensen, Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall 2005

Research Experience

Visiting Researcher, *Ilmin* Young Leaders Visiting Program,
Ilmin International Relations Institute, Korea University, Seoul, Korea, 2009
Research Assistant to Project Manager Brian Goldsmith,

Center on Public Diplomacy, University of Southern California, 2006
Research Assistant to Professor Matthew Baum,
Department of Political Science, UCLA, 2005–-2006
Research Assistant, *Sejong Institute*, Sungnam, Korea, 2003
Research Assistant, *Ilmin International Relations Institute*,
Korea University, Seoul, Korea, 2002–-2004

Additional Training and Workshop

EITM Summer Institute, UC Berkeley, CA, June 14 – July 9, 2010.
The 28th Annual Workshop in Applied Statistics, the Southern California Chapters of American Statistical Association, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA, 2009
ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research,
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, 2008

Other Professional Service and Experience

Translator, RAND Corporation Visit from Korean Institute for Defense Analysis,
RAND Corporation, Santa Monica, CA, 2007
Secretary Assistant at *2003 Trilateral Commission*, Seoul, Korea, 2003
Administrative Advisor at *Granite Tower*,
Campus English Journal of Korea University, Seoul, Korea, 2002–2003

Additional Skills

Statistical and Software Packages: Data Desk, R, STATA, Python, Access, Excel
Languages: Korean (Native), Russian (Fluent)

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